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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner:

Applicant responds to the Office Action mailed on March 22, 2006 as follows:

Amendment to the Claims

Below is a complete listing of the claims.

1. (Withdrawn) A weapon for use by an operator, the weapon comprising:
 - a. apparatus that provides lethal force, non-lethal force, and illumination;
 - b. a first trigger operable with a first hand of the operator for releasing the lethal force; and
 - c. a switch and a second trigger, the switch operable with a second hand of the operator when the second hand is in a position to operate the second trigger, the second trigger for releasing the non-lethal force; wherein
 - d. the illumination is controlled in response to operation of the switch.
2. (Withdrawn) The weapon of claim 1 wherein the illumination is for aiming the non-lethal force.
3. (Withdrawn) The weapon of claim 1 wherein the non-lethal force comprises electromuscular stimulation.
4. (Withdrawn) A weapon comprising:
 - a. apparatus that provides lethal force and non-lethal force;
 - b. a circuit comprising a switch and a source of illumination, wherein:
 - the circuit controls illumination from the source for aiming the non-lethal force;and
 - the circuit controls release of the non-lethal force in response to operation of the switch.
5. (Withdrawn) The weapon of claim 1 wherein the non-lethal force comprises electromuscular stimulation.
6. (Currently amended) A support for attaching an non-lethal implement to a firearm, the firearm having a rail and a stop, the support comprising:
 - a. means for mechanically coupling the non-lethal implement to the rail; and
 - b. means for coupling the non-lethal implement to the stop to reduce motion of the non-lethal implement along the rail parallel to a direction of delivery of the lethal force.
7. (Previously presented) The support of claim 6 wherein the rail conforms to a picatinny rail.
8. (Previously presented) The support of claim 6 wherein the stop comprises a sight.

9. (Previously presented) A support for attaching a non-lethal implement to a firearm, the firearm having a rail and a stop, the support comprising:
- a first channel that receives the rail to mechanically couple the non-lethal implement and the rail;
 - a first abutment surface that abuts the stop;
 - a first fastener that maintains the first abutment surface against the stop;
 - a second channel that receives the non-lethal implement; and
 - a second fastener that retains the non-lethal implement in the second channel.
10. (Previously presented) The weapon of claim 9 wherein the implement delivers a non-lethal force comprising electromuscular stimulation.
11. (Previously presented) The support of claim 9 wherein the rail conforms to a picatinny rail.
12. (Previously presented) The support of claim 9 wherein at least one of the first fastener and the second fastener is manually releasable without a tool.
13. (Previously presented) The support of claim 12 wherein the at least one fastener is released by manually accomplishing a rotary motion of a portion of the fastener to an extent less than 720 degrees.
14. (Currently amended) The support of claim 9 wherein the non-lethal implement delivers non-lethal force from the front of the non-lethal implement and the second channel comprises a second abutment surface that faces a rear surface of the non-lethal implement.
15. (Previously presented) The support of claim 9 wherein:
- the support comprises a first portion and a second portion; and
 - the first fastener mechanically joins the first portion of the support to the second portion of the support.
16. (Previously presented) The support of claim 9 wherein:
- the support comprises a first portion and a second portion; and
 - the second fastener mechanically joins the first portion of the support to the second portion of the support.
17. (Currently amended) The support of claim 9 wherein:
- the support comprises a first portion retained to the rail and a second portion retained to the non-lethal implement; and

b. the support further comprises means for separating the first portion from the second portion without operation of the first fastener or the second fastener.

REMARKS

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 6 through 17 are pending. Claims 1 through 17 stand subject to restriction as follows: Group I (Claims 1-3), Group II (Claim 4), Group III (Claims 6-8), and Group IV (Claims 9-17).

Response to Restriction Requirement

The amendment to the claims is believed to place claims 6 through 17 in one Group III for examination. Applicant elects without traverse examination of claims 6 through 17.

Conclusion

Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Applicant believes the case is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests allowance of the pending claims.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if it would in any way advance prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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